

2005 Winner
Charlene Johnson



Charlene volunteers at Options for Independence Center for Independent Living. Charlene, who has multiple sclerosis, doesn't let her disability slow her down. Charlene serves as a peer group mentor at the center, helping others with similar disabilities learn new skills. She also volunteers making quilts at the center, which are donated to low-income families. Charlene is known by staff at the center for her compassion and dependability.

Charlene serves as a Concerned Citizens with Disabilities Coalition member. She has conducted accessibility surveys for local entities, and provides education to her community on changes needed to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Through her efforts, local entities have become accessible to those with disabilities.